How much stink can U.S. stand?

THIS IS THE BACKDROP of Corruption Unlimited against which the news of the week is being presented:

• In New York City a Senate Crime Investigating subcommittee has brought to the surface an interlocking directorate of crime-in-government and government-in-crime that puts to shame the piker operations of Boss Tweed. The revelations linking racketeer boss Frank Costello to the Mayor's office and the Governor's mansion in Albany make today's headlines read like the American Labor Party's campaign literature last November. The thousands upon thousands of words in the daily press (and the vapid editorial comments) contrast pungently with the blackout which greeted the ALP accusations last fall.

• In Key West, a golden toasty brown Harry S. Truman, natty in two-tone sport shirt (he wore green trunks for his St. Patrick's Day swim), called the press together for a sermon on morality and the judgment of history. In the face of scandalous dealings in the Reconstruction Finance Corporation involving a dozen members of the White House gang; in the wake of the Senate investigation which trailed the stink of corruption from Kansas City to Blair House, the President said with straight face that his Administration and his assistants were all honorable men. He said you couldn't judge a President while he was alive (Jefferson is only now coming into his own, he asserted). Perhaps with a cold-chill vision of tomorrow's headlines, he asked that America wait at least a generation before judging Harry Truman.

AMID PREPARATIONS to deport Frank Costello (made with indecent haste lest more political rocks be turned over), Sen. Tobey (R-N. H.), a member of the investigating subcommittee, announced that the committee mail shows the people of America want the investigation to go on.

It will not go on unless the mail keeps pouring in, because the people in a position to stop it are the same people whose names may crop up any day in the investigation. If you want the investigation to go on until the real manufacturers and manipulators of America's policy are exposed, write TODAY to Senator Estes Kefauver, Senate Crime Investigating Committee chairman, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.; or to Senator Charles Tobey. But do it today.

THE EDITORS

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WAR & PEACE 'Waning scare' perils war program; McA. adds 'oomph'

TELLING a Key West press conference he expects to go down in history as an "apostle of peace," President Truman admonished 22 Congressmen who asked him for concrete disarmament proposals against "Russian propaganda." A Gallup Poll showed his popularity at an all-time low. From Washington the **Wall St. Journal** reported:

> Waning war scare brings a let-down here and across the country. The Government doesn't know what to do about it. . . . If they preach war is imminent, they may set the stage for a worse let-down later. . . . But if war drums are muffled, the arms effort will slow down.

The paper quoted "some White House thinkers" as complaining that "the Reds are backing down deliberately in Korea" in order to "take the oomph out of war preparation." Congressional leaders said they wouldn't act now on the President's demand for new taxes. The House decided to take up UMT and the draft after recess.

Wall St. Journal

"— and in case this wire is being tapped, I want it distinctly understood, I'm not against this FORM of government! I'm just talking against these last few ADMINISTRATIONS!"

NOT ENOUGH KILLING: In Tokyo, where the government was preparing to outlaw the Communist Party in the wake of the John Foster Dulles visit, Gen. MacArthur acted to put some "oomph" back into war preparation. Two days after Korean Commander Gen. Ridgway said an end of the war at the 38th Parallel would be "a tremendous victory" for the UN, MacArthur said there would be no sense in stopping there. Rep. Walter Judd (R-Minn.), ardent supporter of MacArthur and Chiang Kai-shek, explained:

> "The Korean operation doesn't make sense, in fact, is a criminal sacrifice of American lives unless it is part of a plan for all of East Asia."

Judd urged that the Korean war be used to make sure "the Communist rule across the border in Manchuria is broken." Chiang, to whose "guerrillas" in South China the U.S. is supplying not only "substantial arms but also important leadership" (**Newsweek**), was eager for the fray. He said he would accept U.S. command of his forces, meanwhile invited Nazi Gen. von Falkenhausen to become once again his military adviser, as soon as the former Nazi occupation chief in Paris is freed.

WHY THE WITHDRAWAL? UN delegates speculated on the reasons for the Chinese-Korean withdrawal from Seoul toward the Parallel. Belief that it was political, designed to effect a stalemate conducive to negotiations, spurred behind-the-scenes peace activity. The Sanctions Committee marked time, heard Britain's Sir Gladwyn Jebb call it "a study group." The first meeting of the Peace Observation Committee, set up under the Acheson Plan, elected Colombia chairman — giving Latin America the chairmanship of seven major UN committes, five in the field of security.

In Paris deputies of the Big Four entered the third week of debate on an agenda for the proposed foreign ministers' conference. The Western

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Don't let up on Willie McGee!

By Vito Marcantonio

Chairman, American Labor Party, N. Y.

As I write these words at deadline on Monday, March 19, the execution of Willie McGee, the Mississippi Negro who has faced the electric chair four times in his state on a perjured charge of rape, has again been stayed by the Supreme Court of the United States (see FREEDOMS, p. 4.)

Four times, progressive America has succeeded in staying the hand of white supremacy in this case. For there cannot be the slightest doubt that Willie McGee—like the Martinsville Seven—would have long since been lynched by the courts of his state without the magnificent fight which has been waged by the Progressive Party nationally, the American Labor Party in New York, the Civil Rights Congress and others who have made this case of cruel injustice an international concern.

THE FIGHT FOR THE WILLIE McGEES, FOR THE TRENTON SIX, FOR ALL VICTIMS OF RACE PREJUDICE MUST GO ON! HAVE YOU DONE YOUR PART?

HAVE YOU WRITTEN OR WIRED PRESIDENT TRUMAN, WHOSE INTERCESSION CAN SAVE THE LIFE OF WILLIE McGEE, AS IT COULD HAVE SAVED THE MARTINSVILLE SEVEN?

YOU MUST DO THIS—TODAY—FOR IF YOU DO NOT, THERE IS NO ONE ELSE TO CARRY ON THIS FIGHT.

"Oh, Senator, you are a card!"

That's what gambling tsar Frank Erickson and his lawyer are saying in effect to Senator Tobey who is suggesting, at the Kefauver Crime Investigation hearings in N.Y., that U.S. public servants are feathering their nests at taxpayers' expense in vast corruption tie-ups with the underworld. Senators, press and public are having fun at the Kefauver circus while innocent victims of our nation-wide political corruption, like Willie McGee, wait to pay the price of "not having the right friends": death.

But there is no laughter here

In Taegu, a little barefoot boy couldn't hold out any longer against cold and hunger and keeled over in the street—dead. "Death is commonplace in war," said the breezy caption accompanying the picture.

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THE MAIL BAG

The POW exclusive

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Your scoop on POW's (March 7) is something that has never been done before in quite the same way. It should increase the circulation of the paper enormously. I know we will all need extra copies.

Joseph Spencer

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Why not send a free copy to each and every address on the prisoner-of-war list? The families would get welcome information and would themselves organize to bring about the end of the insane slaughter of America's youth in Korea.

Sam Katz

We're doing it. Ed.

Christian schools in China

LONG BEACH, CALIF.

Reporting on the status of Peking's Yenching University, Time (Feb. 26) states: "On the ground that China must be saved from 'American imperialistic culture' the Reds announced they are taking over 'lock, stock and barrel.'" And later: "In Shanghai this week the Communists took over two more Christian schools: the Baptist University of Shanghai and the Roman Catholic Aurora University." Is there any truth in these statements or are they just false propaganda?

Mrs. H. M. Taback

They are typical Time distortion. Natl. Council Outlook, publication of the Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., representing 29 Protestant groups, writes: "For some time now, the American missionaries have been turning over the work to Chinese Christians. While the withdrawal of foreign missionaries (many are leaving at their own request because of inability to get funds) will accelerate the process, mission leaders point out that this is a goal toward which they have been striving for years." Since Washington blocked their entry into UN the Chinese have undoubtedly increased efforts to put U. S.-supported educational and missionary institutions into Chinese hands, but the process is an orderly and consultative one. A Protestant Episcopal Church spokesman calls Chinese sentiments on this question "more anti-foreign than anti-Christian." Ed.

Cheer from Scotland

AIRDALE, SCOTLAND

Please accept enclosed 10/-($1.45) as first of those installments I promised to send you within the next three months. As my total wage as a hairdresser is only 5/15/-($16.45) you will appreciate that a 30/- lump sum is impossible after the good wife gets the housekeeping allowance.

Nevertheless we make our contribution to your valiant paper with a happy heart and only wish we could double it. After the mistaken conception of the American way of life served up via the screen and the BBC your paper comes like a breath of fresh air.

Especially allow me to congratulate you on your defense of the seven innocent Negroes in Martinsville.. Despite the fact that it was unavailing, I am proud to say that with your paper as our weapon, a number of our customers after a full discussion contributed to a telegram of protest against this mockery of justice.

Let my wife and I add our wish: "More power to your elbow."

Jean & Drew Hendry

Support for the Prices

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

In the March 1 GUARDIAN I read a story of the Price family in the Bronx and their stand against the insane atom bomb drills that children are asked to perform in public schools. Their action was a welcome lift to all those people in this country who want to sit down and negotiate a just and honorable peace rather than act brave about "patriotically" sending somebody else's son or brother to fight and perhaps die in a war that doesn't exist. When you compare what they did against the fact that no country in Europe is carrying on air raid drills the way this country is, then you can be doubly sure that they are right. My hat is off to the Price family and I will support their or any similar movement.

Paul Meyerson

A child's wish

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

I get sick and tired of listening to the Current Events reports in school every day and being given instruction on air raid drills. The thought scares me although I am assured at home that nothing will probably happen.

I am sincerely looking forward to the day when we will have everlasting peace on earth.

Judy K., 12½

St. James' prophecy

FINDLAY, O.

I have always tried to lead a Christian life, doing unto others as I would wish to be done by, and it grieves me to the quick to see how our U. S. State Dept. is burdening its people with a load of guilty, hateful actions toward other nations. Every commentator you hear, every newspaper you read, and even some of the ministers of our churches exude hate. Why? Because they have been bought off with money. "Money," my Bible says, "is the root of all evil." When a nation becomes so greedy that it will plunge its sons into the Hell of War for the almighty dollar, it will soon find itself on the down grade. God will not allow this murder of the innocents to go on forever. The end is at hand, and the time when "go to now, ye rich, and howl for the miseries that have come upon you"—prophesied centuries ago by St. James—will come to pass.

Nellie E. Farmer

About advertising . . .

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Thanks so much for always coming thru with such wonderful issues—but, hey! let's not allow advertising (plus advertising pictures) to run away with too many columns of valuable GUARDIAN space.

Juliet Kempler

. . . and about sports

BALTIMORE, MD.

Since you are the voice of the progressive movement here in America, we progressive sportsmen are interested in the progressive side of the sports world, but never, except once, do we find any sports news in your pages. Give the sports lovers a break.

Philip Boyer

Chicago Daily News

Shrinking Junior.

Grandma's-eye-view

VANCOUVER, B. C.

GUARDIAN is a "must" at the present time of confused world thought. Your championship of the cause of the Negroes, and your attitude toward the hypocrisy of the present wicked arms race, is a light shining in a dark world full of "hatred, malice and all uncharitableness."

Grandmother of 4 boys

For or against

ST. LOUIS, MO.

The Korean chaos is nothing short of mass murder of our youth and the youth of other nations. How long will this go on? It is up to you, the people. Neutrality? No, you're either for peace or war. All democratic-minded people want peace; to remain silent is a betrayal to ourselves, the people.

Wanting peace, but being afraid to ask for it, knocks on the head the freedom theory our leaders so loudly proclaim. For more information, write to:

St. Louis Peace Committee
P. O. Box 452, St. Louis

"Like Oscar would do"

TONOPAH, NEV.

As far as I am concerned you can lay it on the present Administration as hard as you know how, like old Fred Warren or Oscar Ameringer would do if they were alive today. What we need is a few statesmen and a h--l of a lot less Wall Street's hirelings and crooked politicians. Ninety per cent of the politicians would sell the nation for less than 30 pieces of silver. Maybe you can grasp from what I have said what I think of the present heads of our government.

T. H. Lynch

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When it comes, we would all consider it a personal compliment and a good deed indeed if you will do what we ask with this extra copy:

PASS IT ON TO A FRIEND, neighbor or job-mate and use the return envelope as a quick and easy means of getting just one new subscriber added to the GUARDIAN readership.

There is a short note with your extra paper, explaining how the idea came about and suggesting several ways of utilizing it as soon as you get it.

THE MARCH 7 ISSUE, with three pages of reports from Prisoners of War in North Korea, is especially timely and unique, since this material has appeared in no other paper in America. If you haven't already done so, you ought to pass that issue along to someone else even if you don't have a "sub" envelope yet to go with it.

Make that extra GUARDIAN count for our side, won't you?

The Editors

Duffy on peace party

NEW YORK, N. Y.

I hasten to assure Mrs. Edith Geiger (GUARDIAN, Feb. 21) that the progressive peace party suggested by me in your issue of Feb. 7 will not, as I envisage it, affect the existence of the Progressive Party, or any other party or group.

I hoped, and still hope, that the Progressive Party, while retaining its identity, can see its way to cooperate with others on a broad peace program. That cooperation may not call for any re-organization of the Progressive Party. I suggested re-organization only to make that cooperation possible.

While I, as a Catholic priest, do not intend to take any official part in the operation of any political party, I may, and do emphatically state, that in order to survive as well as to prevent a world holocaust, we must have a new party geared for peace based on justice. It can, and should, include all existing parties, groups and individuals who are interested in peace. Whatever name it eventually gets, it must be formed immediately.

I still think that Herbert C. Holdridge, an anti-militarist retired brigadier general, who can talk to the militarists in their own language and debunk them in the eyes of the people, is the man to lead such a broad peace movement. He has a peace program and also a program for economic reconstruction at home.

(Rev.) Clarence Duffy

Is Holdridge the man?

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

The idea of a broad national peace party is a very good one. It should be the first order of business and the broader the better. But I differ with Rev. Clarence Duffy, who wonders if Mancantonio should be the candidate, because of the times. Instead he proposes an army man, Ret. Brig. Gen. Herbert C. Holdridge.

Holdridge has been operating here in California for some time now, and while some liberals are attracted by his anti-capitalist and anti-Truman program, he is heartily welcomed hereabouts in the most reactionary circles. I am wondering if Father Duffy is proposing this candidate in the spirit of St. Paul who wanted to be all things to all men? In the world of politics when push comes to shove such men always fall on the wrong side of the fence.

David Grant

Baldwin's presentation

CHICAGO, ILL.

I am impressed by the way C. B. Baldwin in his statement to the Foreign Relations Committee presented the criticism of the Administration's foreign policy. The GUARDIAN should put out a large number of reprints and have volunteer workers distribute them to the homes of the American people.

A. Kagen

Happy people

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.

Conditions in Warsaw, from where I just returned, are in sharp contrast to the U. S. People look happy, well-fed, well-clothed, live in decent houses although only five years ago their city was total rubble. Their plans for the future are a guarantee that they desire peace fervently. They stand strongly united in the work for peace, and their open activities, supported by their Government, made us — the U. S. delegates of our "free and glorious land"—look pathetic.

In Czechoslovakia the same situation greeted me. Shops in Prague were filled from morning to night with crowds of happy people, doing their shopping with a zest and joy that made me light-hearted. Knowing their language, I engaged them in conversation. To my anxious questions on their carefree spending, they answered buoyantly: "We have no need for saving. Why shouldn't we buy the things we want to have?"

I thought of the many people here in need of necessary things, not being able to buy them even though they work. The possibility of sickness and loss of job makes them frugal just to be able to lay some cash aside for a little security —so they are constantly living below decent standards.

Anna Medic

Calling all peace groups

CHICAGO, ILL.

As my Peace and Militarization indicates, I try to receive and read almost every publication and release relating to peace. I am requesting every peace organization or committee to send me all its free releases and publications and price lists of non-free items. Later, if I issue a new peace-directory-catalog on Peace, Militarization, Korean War, to cover 1950 and possibly early 1951, I will list in it all pertinent materials received.

Albert Bofman
U. S. Committee Against Militarization
6329 S. May St., Chicago 21

Keep hammering away

GLENVILLE, PA.

Please continue to send me the most truthful paper in America. I'd hate to do without it. It's like water in the desert. When it comes, even a good dinner must wait until I finish reading it. Keep on hammering away at the warmongers and show them up for what they really are. The Truman policy, with Korea and more Koreas to follow, is most obnoxious to 98% of our people. Why can't we impeach the whole gang?

(Rev.) K. S. Ehrhart
Jefferson Lutheran Church

Revival call

VENICE, CALIF.

How about reviving Henry Wallace's call for nationalizing the aircraft industry? Who knows? You might revive Henry Wallace.

S. S. Sura

Is a new Korea being shaped up for the Balkans?

By Tabitha Petran

AN epidemic of Pentagon-State Dept. pilgrimages to the historic "powderkeg" areas of the Balkans and east Mediterranean has now continued for six months, and raised the question of whether a "new Korea" is in the making there. A similar U.S. military-diplomatic flurry of activity in the Far East heralded the Korean war; the signs were not correctly read till after the shooting started, when documented evidence showed the world that, behind the propaganda screen of "red aggression," aggression by "our" side had been long and actively planned.

The situation in the Balkans and Near and Middle East is far more complex, but there are many basic parallels. Evidence for the "red aggression threat" is even less convincing than it was in Korea. It is not too early to begin fitting together the pieces of Washington's activity in the area.

HOW IT BEGAN: The story goes back to the long-held U.S. plan to build a Greek-Yugoslav-Turkish axis against Russia. The aim was suggested by John Nuveen, ECA chief in Athens, as early as Feb. 27, 1949:

> "Greece constitutes the access to the Balkans, that is, to the countries behind the Iron Curtain. We believe the door has already been half opened by Yugoslavia."

In the spring of 1950 Greek-Yugoslav relations were restored, following the visit to Athens of the U.S.'s Belgrade Ambassador and Washington's insistence that "liberal" Gen. Plastiras (with whom Yugoslavia's Tito said he would negotiate) take the Greek premiership. There followed a U.S.-Greek decision that Greece should not demobilize; a succession of Anglo-U.S. naval maneuvers; construction of 13 U.S. airbases in Greece; transformation of Britain's Mediterranean island colony, Cyprus, into an A-bomb base. Yugoslavia got its second $20,000,000 loan from Washington.

SUMMER, 1950: Greek Parliament demanded invasion of Albania; Greek mobilization speeded. Differences over Macedonia brought mutual recall of Greek-Yugoslav representatives. Athens paper **Kathimerini** reported July 23 that Washington, annoyed at the slow progress, was pressing heavily for the Athens-Belgrade military alliance.

Fall, 1950: Athens gripped by war hysteria. Albania repeatedly, vainly, complained to UN of Greek border provocations. Hungary reported increasing Yugoslav violations of its borders.

November: Washington agreed to send Tito food in exchange for more Yugoslav war-material exports. This agreement followed by resumption of Yugoslav-Greek relations, with Yugoslavia using Greece's port Salonika; expulsion of the Albanian mission from Belgrade; Yugoslav charges that its Cominform neighbors were building huge armies, with attacks on "Soviet imperialism" now paralleling those of Washington; U.S. Chief of Staff Bradley's testimony that all efforts were being made to bring Yugoslavia into the Atlantic Pact.

GREECE: DREAMS OF EMPIRE AGAIN?
A soldier on sentry duty on a crag of Mount Piera

In Greece, Premier Venizelos welcoming Yugoslavia's return of Greek war prisoners said: "We may soon join hands in face of a common foe." More U.S. war material arrived; military talks were begun with Turkey; and Washington's favorite Greek, former Premier Tsaldaris, urged the government to

> ". . . take all necessary measures to insure that the recently-restored diplomatic relations with Yugoslavia will become the starting-point for the new onslaught which we all expect in this corner of Europe."

JAN., 1951: Greek government moved its capital "temporarily" to Salonika, to speed joint Yugoslav-Turk-Greek military action, said the Greek press; reimposed the "Third Decree" under which 4,000 political opponents were sentenced to death; banned the opposition paper **Demokratikos;** hurriedly completed, under U.S. direction and with U.S. funds, a bridge over the Maritsa River dividing Greece and Turkey. Adm. Robert Carney, C-in-C of the U.S. Mediterranean Fleet, took part in conferences at Athens, Malta and Ankara (Turkey). Athens press said his talks had the dual purpose of forming a Mediterranean pact and preparing a move on Albania; Free Greece Radio said that at Ankara plans for Greek-Yugoslav-Turk attack on Bulgaria and Albania were agreed on.

With Moscow pressing for talks on Western rearming of Germany, Washington took up as its major propaganda diversion Tito's charge that Rumania, Hungary and Bulgaria have 600,000 men under arms and that conditions on his frontiers are "not much different from war-time."

The facts offered little substantiation of Tito's charges against his neighbors, which were made on Nov. 8, five days after receipt of Moscow's first note asking talks on Germany. For example one of the three main industrial centers being built up under Hungary's Five Year Plan is in the Pecs-Mohacs area 15 to 25 miles from Yugoslavia's border, and a big new textile factory has been built 10 miles from Yugoslavia at Szeged — developments hardly suggesting that Hungary plans war in this direction.

FEB., 1951: N.Y. **Times** reported a U.S. plan in active discussion for "some kind of common understanding" between Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia to handle "the Soviet satellites."

Feb. 12: Asst. Secy. of State George W. Perkins, top Morgan spokesman in the State Dept., conferred with Tito on the "mounting threat to Yugoslav security."

Feb. 14-21: Adm. Carney, Asst. Secy. of State McGhee and Secy. for Air Finletter participated in Istanbul conference of Greece, Turkey, Arab states, Israel, Pakistan. U.S. air attaches from all the Middle East conferred at Ankara. Announcement following conferences that the U.S. was rushing to completion A-bomb bases in Turkey and getting many new bases ringing Russia in that area.

Feb. 18: Visiting Albania's border, Greek Premier Venizelos said he hoped "next time we meet" Albania will be "liberated." U.S. Gen. Jenkins, visiting the Greek army in that region, said he was "satisfied." Venizelos told the paper **Vima,** Feb. 19:

> "With the assistance of Britain and the U.S. we shall transform Greece into a springboard from which a blow will be delivered against the heart of the Soviet Union."

Feb. 24: Belgrade's **Politika** said Albania was heading for "catastrophe." Free Greece Radio warned of a Balkan war precipitated by calling a Yugoslav-Greek attack "legitimate defense" against the alleged aggression of the People's Democracies.

MARCH: Albania and Hungary reported intensifying border provocations. Tito issued a White Paper charging a "permanent little war" on his borders, indicating he might take his case before UN. N.Y. **Times** editorialized, March 19:

> The Greeks and the Turks have made it plain that they belong in the camp of the free men. . . . They should be welcomed [into the Atlantic Pact] at this time as they have been in the past.

If war comes in the Balkan powderkeg, two things will be certain. It will come as culmination to a relentless series of provocations by Washington; and the stage will have been set, as in Korea, to make those nations most interested in peace (who have recently made any war incitement a major crime under law) appear as the aggressors.

But the heart of the question remains: Can a Balkan war be localized, as was the Korean war? If, as seems likely, it can only set off World War III—for which Washington admits it is not yet ready—the provocations may stop short of the final and irretrievable step.

'Waning scare' perils Truman's program

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powers still refused to discuss Germany's demilitarization in terms of the Potsdam agreement, which Washington calls "out of date." Even the N.Y. **Times** admitted the concessions were coming from Russia. Conferences on German participation in an Atlantic Pact army were proceeding simultaneously in Paris.

"SOCIALISTS" IN KNOTS: Britain's Labour Government, committed to basic nationalization at home, angrily protested the vote by both Iran's houses of parliament to nationalize the $1,400,000,000 Anglo-Iranian Oil Co., 53% owned by the British Government. Anglo-Iranian is the world's largest single oil-producing operation, accounting for 6% of world output. Its Abadan refinery, biggest in the world, is a chief supply source for the British Navy, and also supplies Rockefeller's Standard Oil of N.J. and Socony Vacuum under a 20-year contract.

Anglo-Iranian pays workers so little that Middle East crude costs 40c a barrel to produce as compared to $1.70 in the U.S.; its yearly profit is about 200 times Iran's entire national income. Recently it offered to up Iran's royalty from 56c to 84c per metric ton, with 14c additional in lieu of income tax.

Canard Enchaine, Paris

The 38th Parallel: "Can't see it anymore, it's gotten so trampled."

THE FOOTBALL CURE: In the House of Commons the assassination of Premier Razmara, who opposed oil nationalization, was treated as the posible Sarajevo of World War III. Moscow's **Pravda** charged it was U.S. in origin: Razmara, original U.S. strong man, had ousted American economic advisers, prohibited Voice of America broadcasts, tried to make the rich pay taxes, signed a trade agreement with Russia. (The latter was hailed, said British historian Philip Toynbee in Teheran at the time, with almost incredible enthusiasm from Right to Left.)

Washington's fight to oust British influence from the Middle East would not be hurt by nationalization, especially if Iran relied on U.S. aid in developing its oil. But the social and political repercussions could undermine the whole Anglo-U.S. war program. Iran's National Front is already demanding nationalization of the Rockefeller oil companies on Bahrein Island (Persian Gulf), which it claims. In Egypt the demand has been raised for nationalization of the Suez Canal.

The poverty-stricken Middle East is in ferment. In the two months in which Iran is to study how to effect nationalization, Western oil imperialists will be working overtime to block it. Meanwhile, "as a good-will gesture at a crucial time" (N.Y. **Times**), a visit to Iran by Penn State soccer team was "hastily arranged by the State Dept."

Barcelona strike holds portent for Franco

STANTON Griffis, first U.S. ambassador to Spain in four years, came to Madrid early this month with two messages. He received two answers.

To Generalissimo Franco he said all anti-communists could bury minor ideological disputes and "pool their resources in one pot." Franco enthusiastically agreed to merge his mite with U.S. millions in any pot. His answer was seen in the press which became slavishly pro-U.S. and plainly hinted that Spain, not Britain or France, was Washington's reliable ally.

To the people of Spain the arrival of Griffis in Madrid carried this plain meaning: only Spaniards can free Spain—certainly not the U.S. or UN—and a peaceful transition to a less oppressive regime is impossible.

GENERAL STRIKE: What happened in Barcelona last week was in a sense an answer to Griffis, though the causes ran deeper. On March 12 more than 250,000 workers went on strike. Shops,

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factories, bars and restaurants closed down; street cars and taxis stopped.

When scab cars ran, few passengers boarded them and those who did were removed politely but forcibly by people who followed in passenger cars.

If Paris or London had been shut down so successfully it would have been surprising. In Spain, where suspected dissenters are shot daily, the 24-hour strike was a miracle and a portent.

Franco rushed five cruisers to Barcelona; police rounded up hundreds of persons. Next day the government ordered employers to fire all who were arrested for any reason, to dock the workers for the day they struck. Those who paid their workers would be "put at the disposition of His Excellency, the Civil Governor of the Province." Those who closed their shops would likewise be punished.

Troops guarded the streets throughout the week, but the atmosphere remained so tense that new strikes could break out at any time.

Drawing by Covarrubias

NEW AXIS: The demonstration grew out of stark hunger. Prices in Spain have been soaring. Food, scarce and diverted to black market stalls, is sky-high. Trolley fares have risen 60-90%.

It is not an isolated flash-in-the-pan. There have been riots in Madrid and elsewhere, symptomatic of a vast unrest, though not yet a revolt.

Franco's uneasy dictatorship rests all its hopes on Washington. The U.S. sanctioned a $62,500,000 loan to Spain. Of this, the Export-Import Bank has handed Franco to date $12,500,000—with strings. It was stipulated that the money must go to the purchase of U.S. cotton and machinery, things Spain needs but not so vitally as food.

On Friday the U.S. authorized another $5,000,000, this time allowing Spain to buy wheat. (Considering fascist graft and racketeering, Franco would need at least $1,000,000,000). On the same week-end Franco let it be known he would send his troops across the Pyrenees if the U. S. sent arms. AP reported that France, on the other side of the Pyrenees, had "misgivings."

PEACE

2,500 crusaders tell Washington plenty

SOME CONGRESSMEN weren't in; one called the cops; there was nobody at the White House—"everybody's down in Florida with Truman"; Dean Acheson wouldn't be seen.

The subject was peace, brought to Washington last week by 2,500 delegates from 36 states in support of the six-weeks-old American Peace Crusade. But the delegates managed to talk to most of their Congressmen; a message was left for the Secretary of State by a committee headed by Prof. Robert Morss Lovett, University of Chicago professor and former governor of the Virgin Islands; a committee headed by Rev. Dudley Burr called on the Justice Dept. to protest prosecution of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois as an unregistered foreign agent because he headed the former Peace Information Center; a mid-day one-hour peace prayer was held in a down-town park; 50 members of American Women for Peace distributed gifts to wounded soldiers at Walter Reed hospital; a group of veterans laid wreaths at Arlington Cemetery.

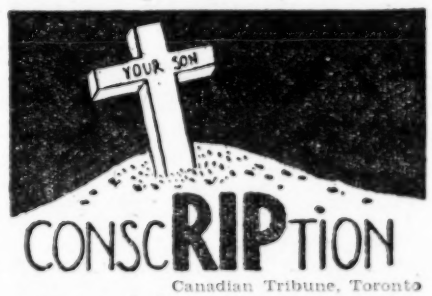
CHICAGO IN JUNE: The pilgrimage was climaxed with a mass rally in Turners Arena which was addressed by Paul Robeson, Dr. DuBois, Dr. Lovett, Dr. Philip Morrison, atomic scientist, Dr. Clementina Paolone, head of American Women for Peace, and Mrs. Therese Robinson, chairman of the Elks Civil Liberties Committee.

Dr. Morrison announced that the Peace Crusade would sponsor a national congress for peace to be held in Chicago June 1 and 2.

Congress in Toronto

Across the border Canada's Peace Congress was rolling toward a National Assembly to Save Peace in Toronto, April 7-8; it reported that it couldn't print copies of the call fast enough to meet the demand. A first printing of 10,000 copies was out, a second printing of 10,000 was in the works, another 10,000 were expected. Mary Jennison, secretary of the Peace Congress, said: "It will be the biggest peace gathering this country has ever known."

Copies of the call and other information may be had from the Congress's headquarters at 49 Walker Ave., Toronto, Ontario.



Canadian Tribune, Toronto

"No conscription of Canada's youth!"

WRITERS BURY HATCHETS: Britain's extremely active peace movement recently brought together a group of writers representing the Labor, Liberal, Conservative, Communist, Pacifist, Protestant, Catholic and Anarchist points of view, found it possible to reach a basic agreement in opposition to World War III. An ad hoc committee was formed to plan an expansion of the group. The first meeting agreed to send a letter to India's Prime Minister Nehru thanking him for his efforts for world peace. Among the writers attending: E. M. Forster, Sylvia Townsend Warner, Herbert Read, Alex Comfort, A. E. Coppard, Douglas Goldring, Pearl Binder.

FREEDOMS

Black saves McGee in 11th hr. stay

NOT since the height of the great Scottsboro campaign 17 years ago were so many Americans so active in behalf of civil rights as last week. By its stubborn defense of Willie McGee—Mississippi Negro sentenced to death for "rape," in a lynch atmosphere and without elementary protection of his citizenship rights—the Civil Rights Congress had roused thousands to action to save his life. In every major U. S. city, and many a smaller one, there were roving picket lines, petition drives, street meetings, protest rallies. On scores of campuses students organized protest actions. Unions, both left- and right-wing, urged freedom for McGee.

In New York City 1,500 unionists picketed City Hall, appealed to Mayor Impellitteri to speak up on the case. In many cities, as in Harlem, there were uninterrupted prayer vigils in churches. On Tuesday a continuous vigil and picket-line began in Washington in front of the White House. On Wednesday 12 white women from seven states arrived in Jackson, Miss., to appeal for public support in that state.

On Friday Josephine Baker, the Negro stage star who became the rage of Paris and is now appearing in New York, wired Mrs. McGee:

> **My heart goes out to you and all those who are working to save your husband's life. As an artist who has no political affiliations but who believes in human freedom and justice everywhere . . . I passionately hope your fight to win justice for your husband will succeed, for your sake and our people's. Love.**

NEW HOPE, NEW EFFORT: Many frowned on these activities; some said they did more harm than good. But on Thursday, after all other state and federal courts had rejected all appeals, Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black granted a stay of execution and gave defense attorneys until March 20 to file briefs, on the basis of which the full court would decide whether it would review the case or not. The court meets next on March 26. It was the fourth time the CRC had saved Willie McGee's life after an execution date had been set. Far from lessening its militant activities, it planned to step them up. To all its supporters it held forth this hope: Willie McGee's freedom can yet be won.

In Laurel, Miss., where McGee is jailed, there was danger of a lynch mob. The atmosphere in the State of Mississippi was made boastfully clear to the world in a page-one editorial in the Jackson **Daily News:**

> **If Mrs. Abzug [Bella Abzug of New York City, CRC attorney] ever appears again as a lawyer in Mississippi it will be one tin[illegible] o often. Too bad the courts**

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BEFORE THE STUFF IS READY TO THROW

'It's got to be stopped . . .'

The GUARDIAN breaks into Tabitha Petran's series of articles on "Who Wants War—and Why" (to be resumed next week) to present this unique peep into the mind of a big Pittsburgh steel man. We do not suggest that this man is typical of the tycoons now making vast fortunes out of producing for war, nor that his trend of thought has great political importance. We present for its human interest the picture of a boss who has not entirely lost his mind and soul—caught up in a mechanism far stronger than himself which, while it fabulously enriches him, he knows must lead to disaster for all.

For reasons which should be evident we can neither give the name of the steel tycoon nor of the well-known magazine contributor who wrote the article. The authenticity of what follows is, however, guaranteed.

IN NEW YORK last week I got a phone call from a Pittsburgh steel man who was in the city on business for a few days. This man is an old friend of mine and he asked me to come down to his hotel suite for a drink. That afternoon I went to see him. We had a drink while my friend made a few sheepish apologies for his lavish suite—six rooms. "What the hell," he said, 'I'm making money by the ton. I have to do something with it."

A few moments later he said: "I'm very depressed. I think there's going to be a war and what I called you up here for is to ask if you know how it can be stopped. It's probably wrong for me to talk this way because it's against my way of life, but this war has got to be stopped somehow."

He went on to explain why he thought the war couldn't be prevented. "The trouble is that the Republicans haven't got anybody. Dewey, a dope, nobody will listen to him. Hoover's finished. Taft couldn't get the country behind him. Eisenhower might be all right but he's committed the other way. So there's no leadership that could fight Truman's crazy war ideas."

"I KNOW, I KNOW": I said that a lot of people were fighting and speaking up for peace, that the establishment of the Chinese People's Republic had smashed the colonial empires forever and that they could not be rebuilt with atom bombs.

Drawing by E. L. Packard

"Mustn't be sad, kiddies. After all your daddies and brothers are fighting for a good cause—me."

"I know, I know," he said sadly, "the world is changing. Things aren't the same. What I always call my way of life is over, but this is a serious situation. I just don't see how this war can be stopped but it's got to be stopped.

"Listen, I spend most of my time going from one war factory to another. I can't help it. I'm in the steel business. Yesterday I was in a factory. I met a nice young engineer. Married, wife and two kids, about 36 years old. And ever since he got out of college he's had only one kind of job: designing projectiles. That's all he knows how to do. That's all he thinks about. Has this country gone crazy?"

"I GET MY SHARE": I said that part of it had gone crazy, but that many people were speaking up for peace, were insisting on it.

"The people?" he said. "What can they do? You say that they can stop this war. I hope so. I mean it. Because Truman and a lot of other people are making war inevitable. You should see the stuff that these factories are turning out. I come out of them sick at the stomach. You have no idea of the amount of stuff that's being turned out, and the real thing is that once they have all this stuff ready to throw, what's going to stop them from throwing it? If they have it, they'll use it. They just won't let it sit. The whole economy of the country's tied up in it.

"I shouldn't be yelling. I'm getting my share. But if there is a war . . . well, any way you look at it my way of life is over. I just want to get the war stopped."

BACK TO PITTSBURGH: I said it could be stopped only if people spoke up for peace, demanded it. I suggested he talk to his steel friends in Pittsburgh.

"Listen," he said, "if I talked this way in Pittsburgh, I'd be lynched before I got out of the room. They'd call me a Communist."

I said are you seriously worried about that? He grinned.

"After all," I said, "everybody knows you are a Republican and nobody could seriously question it. You have to speak up. Otherwise you'll hate yourself."

"You don't know Pittsburgh," he said. "But somehow this war has got to be stopped before they start throwing stuff."

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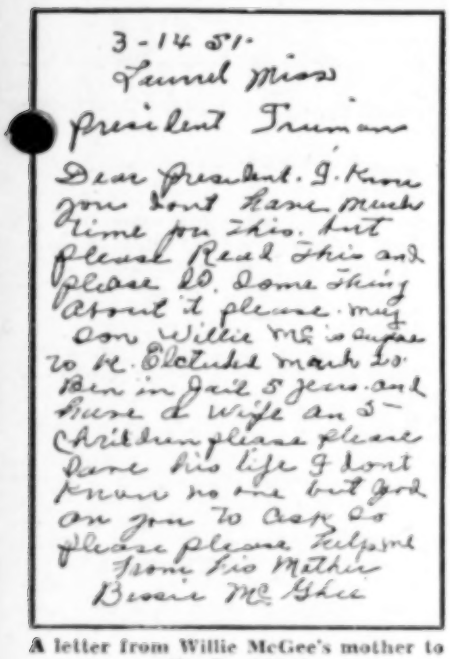
do not have authority to send some lawyers to the electric chair along with their clients.

The CRC appealed to its supporters to demand state and federal protection for Willie McGee and his attorneys.



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Samuel Moss
President Truman
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A letter from Willie McGee's mother to the President

Trenton Six mistrial denied on confessions

FOR three hours last Saturday, prosecution and defense in the murder trial of the Trenton Six made their opening remarks to an all-white jury of eight men and six women whose selection took two weeks.

The arguments foreshadowed a trial packed with excitement, GUARDIAN's William A. Reuben reported, as Dist. Atty. Volpe and his staff were accused of suppressing and mutilating evidence that would exonerate all six Negro defendants, and forcing confessions by sodium amytal and doped cigarettes.

"It can't happen here, but it did happen here. Why did it happen here?" That was the question put by defense atty. George Pellettieri, former judge who has lived all his life in Trenton, and it hung over the courtroom all through the session.

CHANGE IN DELIVERY: Volpe said: "The state desires that the men obtain the fairest possible trial." His remarks contrasted sharply with those made in the first trial almost three years ago, when he promised to prove the defendants' guilt "through Mrs. Horner" [common-law wife of the murdered junk dealer] and other witnesses. On Saturday he mentioned no witnesses.

His presentation seemed to be offered not as something the state would prove but as established fact. Several of his assertions, Reuben said, were in conflict with testimony given by the state's witnesses in the first trial. He alluded to the "confessions" as "spontaneous and voluntary."

LOUISIANA STYLE: As he concluded, Pellettieri demanded a mistrial on the grounds that no mention of the confessions should have been made until the court ruled on their admissibility as evidence. He said:

> "I have not heard one iota of fact upon which the state predicates its case and demands the death penalty—except for the confessions."

Asst. Prosecutor Lawton said there was no precedent in New Jersey or federal law for mentioning the confessions in the opening, but cited as authority a Louisiana decision. Judge Smalley ruled against the mistrial motion.

First witnesses were scheduled to be called March 19.

The gospel acording to Saint Dean

LONDON, ENGLAND

Current issue of the staid **Church Times** reports:

> The American Embassy in London is circulating the clergy throughout Britain with an official State Dept. publication on American foreign policy, with the suggestion that it should be used as material for sermons. . . . We deplore this attempt to make use of the Church of God for political propaganda. . . . The Embassy appears to need a sharp reminder that the pulpit is for the proclamation of the Word of God, and for His Word alone.

Rev. Fielding Clarke, vicar of Holy Trinity, Crockham Hill, Kent, has been asked by his Bishop to resign because he wrote to his MP opposing the release of Nazi war criminals and German rearmament.

Contempt, etc.

OF seven United Electrical Workers leaders tried on contempt charges for refusing to answer Un-American Activities Committee questions, the score last week was:

> Julius Emspak, secy.-treas.: 6 months jail, $500 fine.
>
> Tom Quinn, Pittsburgh leader: 1 year, $500 fine (both convictions being appealed).
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> Acquitted: James Matles, director of organization; Esther Tice, Cincinnati leader; Frank Panzino, Pittsburgh.
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> Decisions still awaited: Tom Fitzpatrick, Pittsburgh; Tom Raley, Cincinnati.

Earl Browder, former head of the Communist Party, was acquitted on contempt of Congress charges. The judge found he had not been an "obdurate" witness, had freely answered most of 150 questions put to him, had not been pressed by the investigating committee on 16 he declined to answer.

Eugene Dennis, present CP head, was released after serving a year for refusing to answer any Un-A.A.C. questions.

In New York Municipal Court Justice Genung ruled that 31 tenants of Metropolitan Life's Stuyvesant Town project, all leaders of the fight against jimcrow practices there, must vacate their apartments by Sept. 10.

NEW YORK

Albany steamroller unites liberals

AS the N.Y. State Legislature wound up one of its most disastrous sessions, the fight to repair the damage shifted elsewhere. The American Labor Party marshalled the battle this way:

The Legislature had passed only enabling legislation which gave N.Y. City the power—but did not order it—to raise the sales tax from 2 to 3%. Before the tax is imposed it must be approved by the City Council, the Board of Estimate and the Mayor. The next round will be fought at the hearings on the city's expense budget, April 7 to 17. At Albany the sales-tax fight brought together in opposition CIO and AFL, Liberal Party and ALP, the Anti-Sales-Tax Committee and the Citizens' Union. That kind of unity in the city hearings could still defeat the grab.

KICKING BACK: The Hughes-Brees bill, which welded the same kind of united opposition, was passed without legislative hearing. It would exclude from all unemployment benefits many seasonal and intermittent workers. While raising maximum benefits from $26 to $30 a week it would reduce the number of payments and the total sum to be given any worker.

Savings thus made would be paid off in kickbacks to "deserving" employers with stable employment records. These would include banks and insurance companies. The change would penalize small seasonal shops.

No labor leader anywhere could be found to support it.

HEARINGS AND VETOS: The ALP called for messages to Gov. Dewey demanding hearings and a veto. The same action was called for on the McGoldrick rent bill, which last week empowered landlords to demand 15% rent raises or force evictions for a wide variety of causes; and for the state's "loyalty" bill, which authorizes a major witch-hunt among civil servants.

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Prices keep going up.

The Dewey "dictatorship bill" (see GUARDIAN, March 14) had a token legislative hearing in the session's closing week. Only the strongest pressure for a veto could forestall the blueprint for a dictatorship to take effect when Gov. Dewey regards an attack as "imminent."

UNITY, ALL KINDS: Arthur Schutzer, ALP exec. secy., said:

> "Mr. Louis Hollander, president of the state CIO, voiced the reactions of millions of New Yorkers when he recently blasted the callous combination of Democrats and Republicans operating against the welfare of all labor, consumers and progressives. His statement points the way for effective political action which can adequately meet the needs of all the people."

Republocrat unity had made labor and liberal unity more possible than at any time since the Truman Doctrine.

PROGRESSIVE PARTY

N. J. runs all-woman slate for peace

CANVASSERS with GUARDIANs under their arms were out ringing doorbells again last week. In at least three states Progressive Parties launched election campaigns.

In New Jersey, where elections are scheduled for November, the PP in Essex Co. (Newark) filed a slate of 13 women, one for the State Senate, the other for Assembly. PP state chairman Katharine van Orden said:

> "We are running a peace ticket made up entirely of women candidates because peace is the paramount issue for voters and women feel most acutely the effects of war and a war economy. . . . Most of our candidates have sizeable families; many have jobs. They are busy women who always thought they had no time for politics. But today they are alarmed at the terrible dangers into which our country is being dragged by the irresponsible leaders of the two old parties."

Heading the ticket is senatorial candidate Ruth Segal Lerner, exec. secy. of the Hollander's Joint Board of the Intl. Fur & Leather Workers Union, director of the 1944 CIO-PAC campaign which defeated the notorious Rep. Hamilton Fish (R-N.Y.). Assembly candidates are:

> Ruth Bloom, Katherine Hoffman, Mary K. Shane, Thelma Williams (Newark); Christine Belle, Marion Edwards (Montclair); Fannie Tushnet, Anita R. Vigoda (Maplewood); Jessie Scott Campbell, Amanda S. Henry (East Orange); Edna W. Flavelle (West Caldwell); Virginia Travis (Nutley).

FOR PEACE IN MICH.: In Michigan, where the deadline is April 2, all candidates pledged to peace and civil liberties for whom the PP is stumping appear on the ballot as non-partisans. They are:

> • For Supreme Court Justices: C. Lebron Simmons, former Wayne Co. asst. prosecutor, first Negro to run for the office; Morton A. Eden, former asst. counsel for CIO United Auto Workers.
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> • For U. of Michigan Regents: Louis J. Cleage, Negro physician; Richard Fox, Lansing AFL leader.
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> • For Supt. of Public Instruction: Verne Piazza, dentist and farmer.
>
> • For State Board of Education: Ruth St. Aubin, Detroit housewife.
>
> • For State Board of Agriculture: Robert Travis, former UAW leader, now a farmer in Armada; Jesus Gonzalzes Jr., farmer in New Haven.

CALIF. WATCHES RICHMOND: Richmond, Calif., may elect its first Negro councilman. Twice before Negroes have been nominated but their strength was always divided. This year there is only one Negro candidate: Lofton L. Fowler, Contra Costa County central committee chairman of IPP, president of the local NAACP branch, a union longshoreman and ordained deacon.

Richmond grew during the war from a population of 25,000 to over 100,000 as workmen streamed into the shipyards. Half of the population still lives in "temporary" government housing projects. Negroes number 13,000.

Fowler is campaigning for enforcement and strengthening of Richmond's fair employment regulation, permanent low-rent housing, improvements in federal housing projects, public works program, public transportation system, repeal of the city sales tax and prevention of any rent rise. Elections, under non-partisan rules, are scheduled April 10, with a run-off of the top six candidates on May 8.

GRAFT IN L. A.: School scandals in Los Angeles echoed those of New York. A school principal and an attorney, officers of the newly-formed Return the Schools to The People Committee, charged that Board of Education members had pocketed large sums "by acting as insurance agents to contractors serving the school district." The son of one board member admitted making $1,000 on one insurance deal; another made $475. Larger deals are suspected.

RUTH SEGAL LERNER
The women have a say

Committee officers also charged school officials with serving children in school cafeterias "poorer food at higher prices, delivered under most unsanitary conditions."

Running for a member of the board, Jack Berman of IPP tallied up the swindles, noted that in some school departments no Jews or Negroes had been hired in 33 years, then said:

> "But the crowning glory of the entire board is its position in support of the cold war. They have succeeded in scaring hell out of school children."

Election day is April 3.

LABOR

Treed leaders squirm as rank and file act

LABOR leaders, businessmen and government circled each other in elaborate maneuvers last week.

The United Labor Policy Committee (top brass of CIO, AFL and RR Brotherhoods) were trying to wriggle down from a limb. They found themselves there when they left the mobilization agencies without in any way untying

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themselves from the war program itself.

The President, vacationing in Key West, expressed no concern at all; but labor leaders, pretending they were being begged to return, set a price. It included granting authority to the Wage Stabilization Board to settle labor disputes. In effect it would reduce collective bargaining to a lawyer's argument before a tribunal composed of businessmen, businessmen-in-government and officially-licensed labor leaders. It would brand most strikes as defiance of a government agency.

COY BUSINESS: Government officials framed a "compromise." It provided that the board would hear all cases, even involving the union shop and seniority, where the President certified the case as affecting defense.

Businessmen then assumed a coy position, pretending to refuse the greatest power ever handed to them. In a joint statement the Chamber of Commerce, Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers and Business Advisory Council agreed to accept jurisdiction over wage disputes, balked at hearing other cases, then conceded that if labor and government insisted, they would take all the power forced upon them.

Labor's leaders militantly insisted on surrendering.

PASS THE BUCK: Labor's rank and file would have no part of the rigamarole. The CIO United Packinghouse Workers had won a raise of 11c an hour from the meat companies. (Average wage is $1.34 an hour.) The companies, passing the buck, said they would cheerfully grant the raise but the Wage Stabilization Board would have to approve. Wage Stabilizer Eric Johnston, passing the buck just as adroitly, said he could see why some exception might be made in the packers' case even though the raise would break the ceiling, but he was powerless to make it until the labor leaders returned to the board. Murray, Green & Co., still out on the limb, could find no one to whom to pass that buck.

The board's ceiling (10% above Jan., 1950) would limit the packinghouse workers to a 3c-an-hour raise. The union said simply that if they didn't have their full 11c by March 25, they would strike. AFL meat packing unions were set to walk out with them.

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Some demonstrated in the stock yards. And in Washington, while Stabilizer Johnston insisted he could not raise the ceiling, a union delegation raised the roof. Johnston said later: "It was like a rodeo."

TURMOIL IN TEXTILE: Textile workers, too, had been combating the wage freeze on the picket line. For three and a half weeks, some 70,000 CIO Textile Workers Union members had been on strike. They had demanded a raise of 15c an hour plus pensions and other benefits totaling an additional 6c. (Present wage: $1.47 an hour.) It was the first time in three years that union leaders had asked for a raise, much less called a strike.

An additional 200,000 union workers were about to strike the cotton mills for a 12% raise over their present $1.31 an hour. Faced with a nation-wide, spreading strike, the TWU leadership resumed factional warfare. President Emil Rieve, who for many months had been chopping down the supporters of exec. vice-pres. George Baldanzi, fired his opponent's most reliable spokesman, Sam Baron, the union's Canadian director. Baldanzi mobilized his forces for a fight. The two are separated not by principle, but by an unequal share of power.

FREE FOR FACTIONS: Last week tentative settlements came in cotton and wool and left the leadership free to fight each other.

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HOUSE WIVES UNITE! JOIN THE PROTEST AGAINST THE HIGH PRICE OF MEAT
HOUSE WIVES UNITE! JOIN THE PROTEST AGAINST THE HIGH PRICE OF MEAT
IF YOU AGREE THE PRICE OF MEAT IS TOO HIGH DONT BUY! DONT BUY!

The pig is high and so is the anger

Housewives of Aliquippa, Pa., marched in a picketline to protest the high cost of meat. The march was inspired by Local 211, CIO United Steelworkers, who urged their members to substitute cheese and eggs for meat. A good idea; but how about bringing down the price of eggs and cheese too?

The woolen agreement provided for 12c an hour instead of 15c, plus fringe benefits of 1½c instead of 6c; the cotton agreement, for a 7½% raise instead of 12%. But the companies said they couldn't pay the raise until the Wage Stabilization Board approves. The buck had been passed again.

Emil Rieve, as TWU president, cannot receive the raise his union won until Emil Rieve, member of the Wage Stabilization Board, attends meetings and okays the raise. Union president Rieve may have to argue it out with Stabilizer Rieve.

In all the confusion, union president Rieve made it clear that the mill owners would not suffer. He said that if the board disapproved the raise, "we will not strike the managements for something they can't help."

Some 550 rank-and-filers of the union felt otherwise. They rejected the 7½% increase shortly after Rieve accepted it for them, and struck the Huguet Fabrics Division of Stern and Stern Textiles Inc. at Hornell, N.Y.

FARM

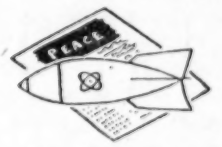
NFU lifts charters of 3 state groups

LAST JANUARY Aubrey Williams, president of the Alabama Farmers Union and publisher of the **Southern Farmer**, wrote in his paper:

—Everybody hates war—that is, everybody but a few greedy heavy-industry people. Yet nobody has the courage any more to denounce war as a way of getting a peaceful world. . . .

Williams had the courage, kept on denouncing war. Last week the national board of the National Farmers Union, at the recommendation of president James G. Patton, revoked the charter of Williams' state organization, lifted those of Ohio and New York at the same time.

Earlier the NFU had ousted Clifford Durr from his post as legal counsel to the NFU Service Corp. Durr's wife had signed a petition urging withdrawal of U.S. troops from Ko[illegible] Durr has held many top governm[illegible] posts and is active in civil rights cases.



THEY'RE FOR PEACE: The board revoked the charters on the technical grounds that membership in each of the three states had fallen below the constitutionally-required 1,000. But the New York organization — the North Eastern Division headed by Archie Wright—has 5,000 members; the board ignored a request from the organization for an extension of time in which to meet its per capita payment to the national office. Wright has been outspoken in behalf of peace. Patton and the top national officials support the government's mobilization policies.

First rift in the NFU on the peace issue came when Patton publicly attacked Fred Stover, president of the Iowa Farmers Union and an outstanding spokesman for peace, and touched off an effort to oust him; the case is still in the courts. The Iowa situation was up for discussion at the board meeting, but a bus caravan of Iowa farmers turned up and the board took no action. But if and when a future showdown comes, the votes of New York, Ohio and Alabama—in support of Stover—will not be there.

Hit the sawdust, Billy!

BILLY GRAHAM is rated as the greatest evangelist the U.S. has seen since Billy Sunday. This month, in Los Angeles, Graham had an appointment he wanted to keep secret. But newsmen dogged his car in a 50-mile-an-hour chase, found that the appointment was with Micky Cohen, the West Coast's most notorious and shot-at gambler, gangster and racketeer. Graham said he didn't know Cohen would be there, but Micky was talkative:

"Graham and I had plans to meet with a flock of Hollywood big-shots and nobody stood nobody up. . . . We talked about ways of fighting the Communists."

Graham said they discussed religion, but Micky contradicted:

"Naw, we didn't talk about religion. Billy and I never talk about it. . . . If I wanted to talk religion I'd see my rabbi, wouldn't I?"

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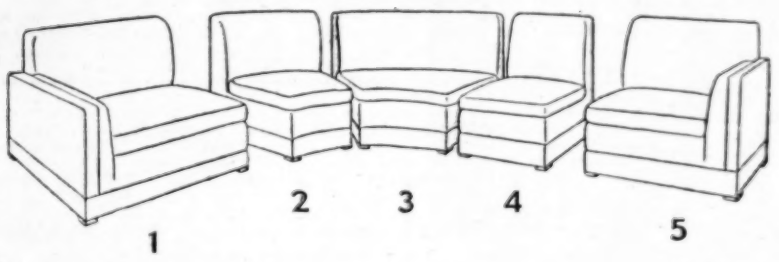

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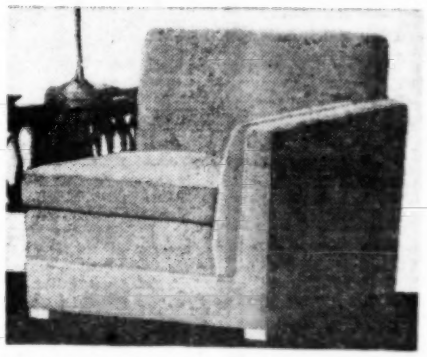

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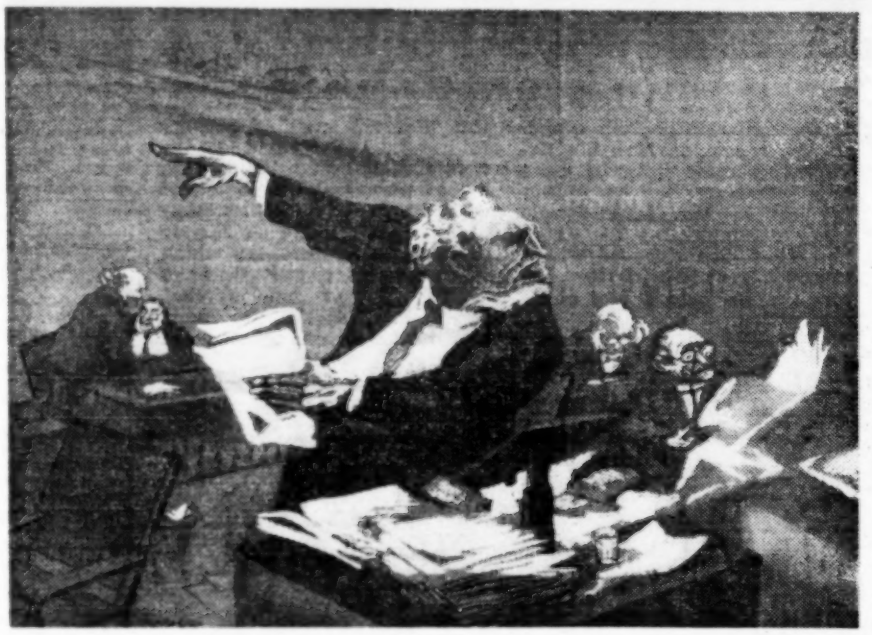

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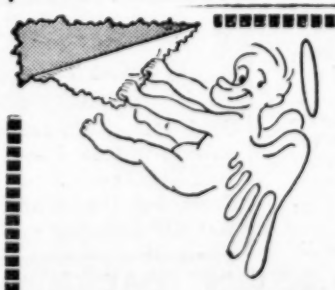

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